

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5: Canceled.

6. (New) A method for providing access to a computer by an access protection system, comprising:

connecting to the computer a transportable storage medium which electronically stores an individual identifier; and

enabling access only if the computer recognizes said individual identifier.

7. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the computer comprises a CPU, a monitor, a keyboard and at least one peripheral device, and a USB (Universal Serial Bus) interface connects the transportable storage medium to one of the CPU, the monitor, the keyboard and the at least one peripheral device.

8. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier is the serial number of the transportable storage medium.

9. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier is stored in the computer.

10. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier enables access to all applications in the computer.

11. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier enables access to at least one pre-designated application in the computer.

12. (New) The access protection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the transportable storage medium is a Flash memory or a storage medium which is technically similar.

13. (New) A transportable storage medium with an individual identifier, wherein the transportable storage medium is used as an individual access key for a computer.